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DIVING IS FUN FOR YOUNG MARGARET

Margaret Austen may be only 14; but she is already an established international. Last year this tousle-headed Middlesex girl became the youngest ever chosen to dive for her country, and a fortnight ago she again gave a fine performance when representing Britain against East Germany at Blackpool.

Dressed in a cotton summer frock in her home at Kenton, Margaret Austen looks just an ordinary schoolgirl, although it must be added that with merry eyes, upturned nose, and ready smile she looks a very attractive one. But when poised on the ten-metre board, or twisting and turning gracefully through the air—well then, she looks every inch a champion.

THE path to sporting fame is usually paved with hard work, but Margaret seems unaware of the fact. Diving is fun for her, a pastime in which she revels. So it is no hardship for her to go four evenings a week to train under the watchful eyes of John Wardley, one of Britain's leading coaches.

And what does she do on her evening off? "She goes swimming," says father. During the Winter months there are only two baths in the country with ten-metre diving boards, so she spends many weekends at Cardiff, and is constantly in and out of the Empire Pool there.

Little time for hobbies

"Apart from a tea break and an hour or so for lunch, we are diving nearly the whole weekend," said Margaret with a twinkle in her eyes.

What with nearly 20 major championships during the season, in addition to club events and displays, Margaret has little time for hobbies. But she regularly plays table tennis with her parents and two elder sisters. They hold lively tournaments in their garden, which also boasts a large, home-made trampoline; it's not unusual for all five of them to be seen bouncing merrily on it at the same time.

"When we were younger we used to hold trampoline parties," said Margaret. "My friends would bounce up and down the whole

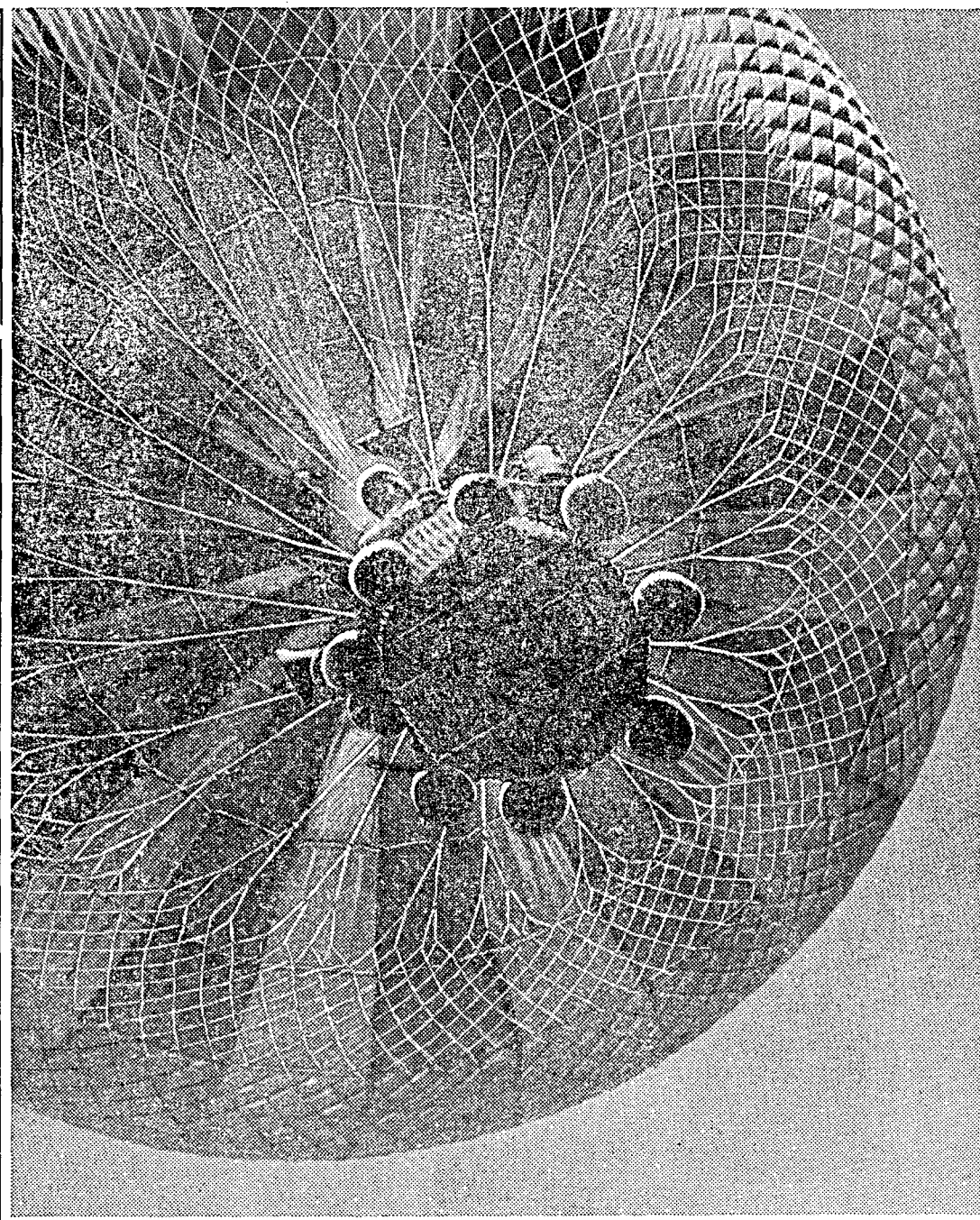
afternoon before coming in to a tea of ice cream, cakes, and jellies. Then they'd go out to bounce on the trampoline again."

"Seemed to be a remarkable aid to digestion," said her father.

Mr. Austen himself is a Middlesex and Southern Counties diving official, but there was no pressure on Margaret to take up the sport. She learned to swim when she was eight, and a year later watched a display by some of Britain's top divers. Margaret "got the bug," and ever since then diving has been her chosen sport. But she is still a very good swimmer; in fact, she finished second in last year's Middlesex schools under-15 breast stroke championship.

"But I don't like serious swimming," she says. "Going up and down, up and down while training. It's a bit of a bore."

She also represents her school at javelin throwing! It seems a little strange that such a slip of a girl should be able to hurl a



javelin any great distance; but she has a simple explanation.

"After pulling myself up all those ladders to the high boards I've developed jolly strong shoulder muscles. Do you know there are 47 steps to climb to the board at Cardiff?"

Asked if she had ever had any injuries through diving, Margaret replied with a giggle: "Millions!"

"She is always coming home with bruises," said Mr. Austen, perhaps feeling it necessary to qualify his daughter's exaggeration. "You see, in learning a new dive you have to start on the one-metre board to learn the body movements. And that means you only have a fraction of the necessary time in which to do the dive. So you land on the water in an awkward position. And remember, when you go off the top board you enter the water at 35-miles an hour."

At the moment Margaret concentrates on the more straightforward dives, but as time goes by she will set out to master the more difficult dives which earn higher marks. And that will mean more bruises!

It obviously takes courage to get to the top in diving. But Margaret would never admit it. To her diving is simply great fun.

High old time

Readers who saw the delightful film *The Red Balloon* will be glad to know that its author, Albert Lamorisse, has now made another amusing balloon picture and has also produced a version of the story in book form: *Trip in a Balloon* (George Allen & Unwin, 12s. 6d.).

Stills from the film provide some impressive illustrations to

this book about a boy who takes a stowaway's trip in a new kind of balloon, with his inventor grandfather. Young Pascal finds that this balloon is different—it can be steered. It floats peacefully over the fields and hills, the villages and towns of France, and lands at pre-arranged spots.

Another remarkable thing about this balloon is that the gas-bag is inflated with ordinary air, condensed by a mysterious cylinder carried on the running-board of a touring car. Antoine, the chauffeur, follows by road at an easy pace to prepare the next evening's landing-place.

At one place, however, an escaped bull causes a panic among the volunteers holding the basket down. As a result, Pascal gets carried up alone and then adventures really do begin. Antoine tries a rescue by parachute-jump from an aircraft while the balloon drifts seaward, but . . .

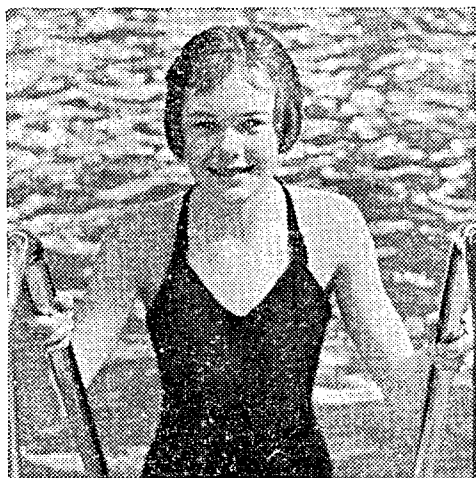
It is hoped that the film will be released towards the end of this year. Meanwhile, the book is a delightful preview.

OUT WITH THE SCOUTS ON A TANDEM

Although crippled by polio, Patrol Leader Peter Bailey still goes on long country walks with his Scout troop in Chesterfield.

Helped by their Scoutmaster, the other boys saved up and bought Peter a second-hand tandem; and nobody is happier than he when sitting on the back of the machine with another Scout in front and the rest of his pals round him.

"With a little co-operation we can all keep together," says Peter, who is 15.



Margaret Austen

THE HELPING HAND OF BRITAIN

By the CN Political Correspondent

A stranger in London would have to search hard before he found the Department of Technical Co-operation, created in March this year to help the poorer countries of the world.

He would find it at last in a suite of offices in Carlton House Terrace, overlooking The Mall and St. James's Park.

The idea behind this department is not new. For years Britain has been helping less developed nations with loans, grants, technical advice and special equipment to raise their standard of living. Between 1951 and 1960, for instance, the Government provided about £720,000,000 and private investors have put in another £100,000,000.

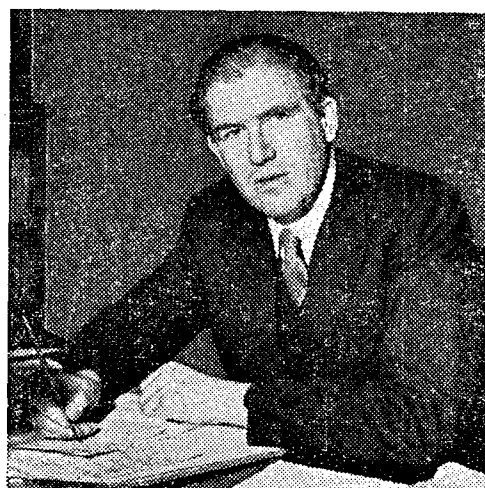
THE spending of this money, and the provision of technical experts to work overseas, has hitherto been administered by three Departments of State—the Foreign Office, the Commonwealth Relations Office, and the Colonial Office.

They will remain in charge of general policy and the provision of funds, but the new department will see that the policy, the funds, and the experts are applied to the best advantage. It will be responsible, as Mr. Macmillan pointed out, for "collecting the right people, getting industry to release them, and getting them to the right places."

One important function of the aid scheme is to train foreign, Commonwealth, and colonial students in this country. At the beginning of this year there were 47,000 of them here, mostly from the less developed countries.

Some months ago CN drew attention to President Kennedy's plan for a Peace Corps of young pioneers willing to rough it among the poorer peoples of the world

while teaching them how to better themselves. In our quiet British way we had been doing much the same thing for a long time.



Mr. Dennis Vosper, M.P.

"We give our help," Mr. Macmillan has said, "because we want these countries to be strong and prosperous, because that is right in itself and because we think that the prosperity of all is for the good of all."

The Premier has now appointed Dennis Forwood Vosper as secretary of the new department—an office equivalent to that of a Minister of State.

One of the young Conservatives who entered Parliament in 1950

and have since emerged as leaders, Dennis Vosper is a Cheshire man. He was born on 2nd January, 1916, and educated at Marlborough and Pembroke College, Cambridge. He served throughout the last war in the Cheshire Regiment and became M.P. for Runcorn in 1950.

He had not been at Westminster long before he was appointed a party whip—one of the team whose traditional task is to keep the party machine at the House tuned up for any emergency.

Serious operation

Promotion to Ministerial rank came in 1954, when Sir Winston Churchill appointed him Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education. Early in 1957 he was raised to Minister of Health, but he resigned a few months later, after a serious operation which almost cost him his life.

In 1959 Dennis Vosper returned to the Government, first as Under-Secretary and then as Minister of State at the Home Office, where he became immersed in Mr. R. A. Butler's various social reform plans.

His new appointment, with a staff of about 1,000, gives him a still wider horizon, an even bigger opportunity to help millions of people in need.

Sussex elephant

The fossilised skeleton of a straight-tusked elephant has been found on the seashore east of Selsey Bill, Sussex.

Probably about 100,000 years old, it is said to be only the second skeleton of this kind of elephant ever found in Britain, the first having been dug up 50 years ago at Upnor, near Chatham.

Pieced together after many years of patient work, the Upnor elephant, 12½ feet high, is in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. It is hoped that the Selsey elephant will be on view there as well in six months' time.

March for eight hands



This unusual picture was taken during a special musical evening at the Baptist Church Hall, College Road, Harrow. The four boys played a march for eight hands, all on one piano. The players (from treble to bass) are Gordon Hunt, Paul Harris, Jeremy Harris, and Geoffrey Oscrift. The march was composed by Mr. David Perkins, a Harrow music teacher.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Russian engineers plan to drill oil wells 6½ miles deep.

COOKery

By dialling ASK 8071 Birmingham housewives will be able to get a new recipe every day from the G.P.O.'s first cookery information service, which is to open this Wednesday.

About 12,000 boys and girls are going abroad for holidays this Summer under arrangements made by the School Travel Service.

The National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs has changed its name to the National Association of Youth Clubs.

Boring tests made during the past three years have shown that 300 million tons of coal lie under the sea off County Durham.

The waste clinker and ash from two power stations at Staythorpe, Notts., is now being made into building blocks.

BRAVE BOYS

The Boys' Brigade Diploma for Gallant Conduct has been awarded to Philip Hutchinson and Derek Waterworth of the 61st Manchester Company for rescuing a girl from drowning at Lymm, Cheshire.

The huge radio telescope built at Parkes, New South Wales, at a cost of £800,000, is expected to go into service in September. It will be able to pick up signals from stars 4,000 million light-years away.

THEY SAY . . .

THERE is a great danger of us becoming a people of pre-package thinking, a nation of people among whom there is a small number doing all the thinking for the rest.

Rev. Frederick Hill,
of Mitcham, Surrey

SOON there will be so many space pilots that I shall be able to become anonymous again.

Yuri Gagarin



FOLLOW MY LEADER

A party of young Indian antelopes, known as black buck, on a flying tour of inspection soon after their arrival at London Zoo from Hamburg. They can move faster than greyhounds.

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Doll called Troll

Hundreds of British visitors to Scandinavia this Summer are buying dolls like the one in this photograph.

The name of this thick-mopped, wide-eyed little chap is Troll, a



creature that figures in Norse folklore and seems to have been a most unpleasant customer. Indeed, there was a time when the very mention of the name was enough to strike terror into the minds of families living in the mountains and woodlands of the Scandinavian countries.

The doll is as appealing as a mischievous little boy. But most trolls of legend were ugly, sinister creatures, bringers of misfortune and bad luck. If anything went wrong, and the people wanted a scapegoat, they blamed the trolls.

STUFFED BIRD WITH A PLACE IN HISTORY

A bird that was caught by a cat in New Zealand 116 years ago now has a corner all to itself in one of the Dominion's museums. And thereby hangs a tale, dating back to a March day in 1845 when Maoris were attacking the little British settlement of Russell in North Island.

It was decided to take off all the women and children by ship, among them being a little girl named Caroline Flower. Caroline, for her part, decided to take her cat along, but alas, on the way to the beach, the animal sprang from her arms and disappeared into the tall grass.

Tears turned to smiles when the cat suddenly reappeared—with a bird in its mouth. Little girl, cat, and bird were then quickly bundled into the ship's boat together and taken to the ship waiting to sail for Auckland.

The unfortunate bird proved to be a landrail, and during the voyage it was stuffed and put in a glass case by one of the sailors and given to Caroline. For the rest of her life she treasured the gift, and in due course it passed to her daughter, who has now presented it to the museum in the little town of Russell. The bird is back home.

BEST KIND OF KINDNESS TO PETS

The best way of being kind to a pet is to learn how to look after it, to understand its needs. For this reason we welcome the new Pets and Hobbies series (Liffe Books, 2s. each). Written by experts, and well illustrated, the booklets explain the essential points in the care of such pets as hamsters, rats, and mice, and various popular birds.

SWANS TO SWANTON

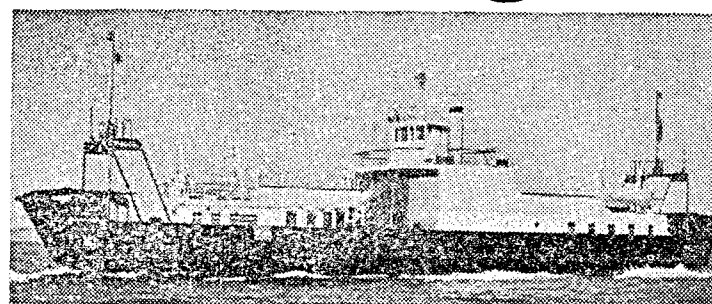
The Queen has sent two swans to Swanton, a town in Vermont, U.S.A., which was founded by an English captain named Swan.

10s. FROM A 10-YEAR-OLD

The following letter was sent by a ten-year-old boy to the Bristol Committee of the Save the Children Fund.

Dear Sir, I enclose 10s. and hope it will be of some use to help give someone some food in the Congo. To get this money my friend and I made a museum. In it was a lot of birds eggs, battle-ships, foreign coins, hornets, an african jungle knife, a fossil, an african spear and lots of other things. Next we printed a comic. We sold out of these very quickly, then we made drawings of skeletons of extinct birds. We collected the 10s. in less than a week.

Faster ferry to the Isle of Wight



This new and faster car-ferry, Fishbourne, is now in service between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. This is good news for the 50,000 motorists who will be taking their cars to the island this Summer by the Portsmouth-Fishbourne route. The old ferryboats only carried 16 cars and took an hour for the trip. The new vessel, and her sister ship, Camber Queen,

now nearing completion, will take twice the number of cars and make the crossing in 35 minutes. The approach quay at Portsmouth has also been modernised to reduce the long delays which used to occur in the holiday season. The new ships are double-ended and have hinged ramps at bow and stern, allowing cars to drive straight on and off.

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAYS COMING INTO LINE

Australian railway history was made the other day when a train was given a trial run on the standard-gauge line (4 feet 8½ inches) which is being laid for 200 miles between Melbourne (Victoria) and Albury (New South Wales).

Consisting of a diesel engine and three open trucks filled with journalists, photographers, and

railway officials, the train made a short out and back trip from a point near Albury.

At present the different gauges in Victoria (5 feet 3 inches) and New South Wales (4 feet 8½ inches) mean that passengers and freight have to change trains at Albury. When the new line is opened, they will have an uninterrupted run between Melbourne and Sydney.

"Here's how I add interest to my snaps"

says
Christopher
Edmond,
schoolboy
prize-winner



FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Christopher Edmond goes to school in Cambridge. In a school competition last year, he won first prize for a landscape, and two 'Highly Commended' awards. The competition was judged by the President of the Cambridge Camera Club.



1. If you're snapping someone, get up as close as your camera will permit—it makes a much more interesting picture. You can go as near as 5 ft. with a 'Brownie' 127 camera.



2. The surest way to get a good snap is to have the sun shining over your left shoulder. But you can get a more unusual effect by having the light coming from the side.



3. When you take a landscape, or distant figure, try having a tree, fence, bridge or something similar in the foreground, to act as a 'frame' and give your picture depth.

4. Get a good, simple camera, like the 'Brownie' 127; (that's the one I use). It's neatly shaped to fit the hand, has a smooth-working shutter release, brilliant, eye-level viewfinder and a strong neckcord.

25½d.



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'BROWNIE' 127 CAMERA

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Bonehead and Co. in business once more



THE best Saturday news for lots of viewers will be that *Bonehead* is coming back on BBC Junior TV, beginning this week.

Written and produced by Shaun Sutton, *Bonehead* is actually centred on "Boss," played by Paul Whitsun-Jones, who sees himself as a "Napoleon of crime." Unluckily for him, it always seems to be Waterloo. None of his wicked schemes ever succeed. "Bonehead" (Colin Douglas) is the organisation's tough guy, large but dim.

Third member of the blundering trio, "Happy" (Douglas Blackwell), is as miserable as they make them and a continual prophet of doom. His prophecies usually turn out right.

In the first episode, *Monkey Business*, the criminals find their match in a rather intelligent gorilla that escapes from the Zoo. My picture shows them in Episode Two, *Musical Squares*. "Boss" tries to inveigle his gang into a police concert, but they get spotted during the overture.

They make light of their handicap

Seeing Sport on ITV is always trying for something different, but next Monday's programme is more than ever out of the ordinary.

Peter Lloyd will be taking the cameras for the first time to the famous Stoke Mandeville Home for Paraplegics. Boys and girls of 16 and under who are handicapped by partial paralysis will be seen taking part in all kinds

of field sports, including archery, throwing the javelin, netball, and putting the weight. Others will be seen at table tennis and swimming.

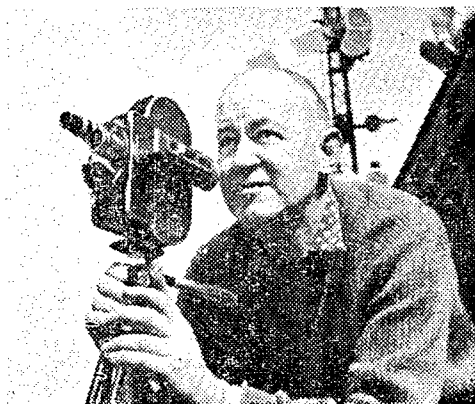
To show how paraplegics can be made fit for normal life after treatment, the guests will include boys and girls who were formerly at Stoke Mandeville and are now at ordinary schools, taking part in everyday activities again.

The train needed five engines to get up this slope

A RAILWAY with gradients so steep that five or six steam engines had to be spread throughout the trains between the coaches

—that was the Wellington to Napier line in the north island of New Zealand until November 1955, when it closed down exhausted!

In *Railway Roundabout* in BBC Junior TV next Monday we can see film taken on the day before the engines gave their last gasp. Afterwards John Adams and Patrick Whitehouse will be showing pictures taken recently, when the newly-electrified railway was opened. The journey used to take two hours. Now it is covered in half-an-hour.



John Adams in action by the track



Tales of air pioneers

WILBUR WRIGHT, the first man to fly a heavier-than-air machine, said: "The bird that talks most is the parrot—and the parrot happens to be the bird which flies least." This may have started the tradition that flying veterans talk little about their exploits.

But when they do they make interesting listening, as we shall discover when the recorded voices of famous aviation pioneers are heard in *The Air Adventurers*, a BBC Home Service programme to be introduced by Sir Alan Cobham at 3.30 on Friday. It will be repeated in children's programmes on 12th August.

We can hear from their own lips about the pioneer flights of people like Jean Batten (the first girl to fly from Britain to Australia), and Amelia Earhart (she flew the Atlantic), as well as test pilots Geoffrey de Havilland, Neville Duke, and Peter Twiss.

Vikings raid the Isle of Man

ONE of the first of the school Summer holiday thrills will be a television view of a Viking raid on the Isle of Man 1,163 years ago.

Unfortunately the programme can be seen only by North of England viewers on the BBC

SPEED-BOAT adventures in the North Sea, with battles to outwit villainous exporters of secret weapons to Holland, form the theme of *Chase a Phantom*, a new BBC Home Service children's serial which is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, 2nd August.

It has been written by Geoffrey Morgan, well-known CN contributor whose serial, *The Conways Take Cover*, is still fresh in readers' minds. Last year his *Dangerous Assignment* serial in Children's Hour brought so many appreciations that it has been decided to introduce the same characters, Penny Paige and Steve Conroy, in the new one.

Penny will again be played by June Spencer. "I'm thrilled to be in another Geoffrey Morgan serial," she told me. "I shall never forget the previous one, which was done in daily instalments. Listeners were asked to send in their own suggestions about how the story should proceed."

June Spencer (in private life Mrs. Brockson) has two children of her own—David (9) and Rosalind (7).

"Each night when I got back from the BBC," she said, "the children were jumping about with excitement, telling me what I ought to do next!"

Andrew Faulds, who played Steve Conroy last time, is unfortunately too busy on other engagements. The part will be taken by John Bentley.



June Spencer

AT HOME WITH CROCODILES

CROCODILES are not everyone's idea of pets, but Armand and Michaela Denis can feel quite at home among them, as we can see in their *On Safari* on BBC television on Friday evening.

This programme tells how they fulfilled a promise to catch a crocodile for the Coryndon Museum's new snake park at Nairobi. They went 100 miles to Lake Baringo, staying with their friends Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts, who have fishing rights there.

The lake is full of crocodiles, but wood ibises, pelicans, and many other kinds of birds move among them quite safely. Watch the excitement when Armand and Michaela try to capture a crocodile by torchlight.

Sailing down the Big River

THE River Thames has been called "liquid history." Look out for generous draughts of it in Associated-Rediffusion children's programmes beginning on Tuesday, 8th August.

"*Big River* is the title we have chosen for a four-part film feature," I was told by John Rhodes, head of children's programmes. "Howard Williams will be captain of the launch as we sail down from the Cotswolds to the Nore. On the way we shall call at places of historic interest like Hampton Court, the Tower of London, and Greenwich. We hope to interview famous Thames-side residents, such as Sir Alan Herbert, who lives at Hammer-smith."

LAST APPEARANCE OF THE CHAMPIONS



A CROWNING event in British ice-skating is recalled on BBC Junior TV on Friday with a recording of the programme televised from Queen's Ice Club, London, last April will be shown. It marked the final appearance of Courtney Jones and Doreen Denny, World Ice Dance Champions, who are seen in our picture.

It was a wonderful night of

skating. Leading the team of champions paying tribute was Alain Giletti of France, World Champion of 1960 and European Champion in 1961. We can also see Sjoukje Dijkstra, the Dutch girl European Champion, who trains in London, and the German pair skaters Marika Kilius and Hans Baumber, European Champions for the past two years. Alan Weeks is the commentator.

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LOOK OUT FOR THIS FILM

GREYFRIARS BOBBY



Bobby and his master, Old Jock.

EVERYBODY likes a good film about a dog and *Greyfriars Bobby*, a new Walt Disney picture, in Technicolor, has the additional interest of being founded on a true story.

It concerns Bobby, a brisk and very intelligent Skye terrier, born and bred as a sheep-dog on the Scottish moorlands. When the shepherd, Old Jock (Alexander Mackenzie), loses his job through infirmity, Bobby follows his master to Edinburgh, a very long journey for very short legs.

Old Jock soon dies and after the funeral in Greyfriars churchyard faithful Bobby sleeps on the grave.

But John Brown, keeper of the churchyard (Donald Crisp), does not approve of dogs on his sacred territory and tries to chase Bobby away; but with no success at all. The little terrier spends his days catching rats and, when the one o'clock gun is fired from Edin-

burgh Castle, trots along to the eating-house where he and Old Jock used to have their dinner on market days. So he is assured of a good meal. But he always returns to the grave at night.

Eventually the police want to know why Bobby has no licence, and the outcome is a court case in which the graveyard-keeper, who has had a change of heart, and the proprietor of the eating-house fight an amusing duel of words as to which of them is legal owner. The Lord Provost (Andrew Cruickshank) finally decides the issue by making Bobby a Freeman of the City, leaving the little terrier, whose faithfulness has conquered all hearts, to do as he pleases.

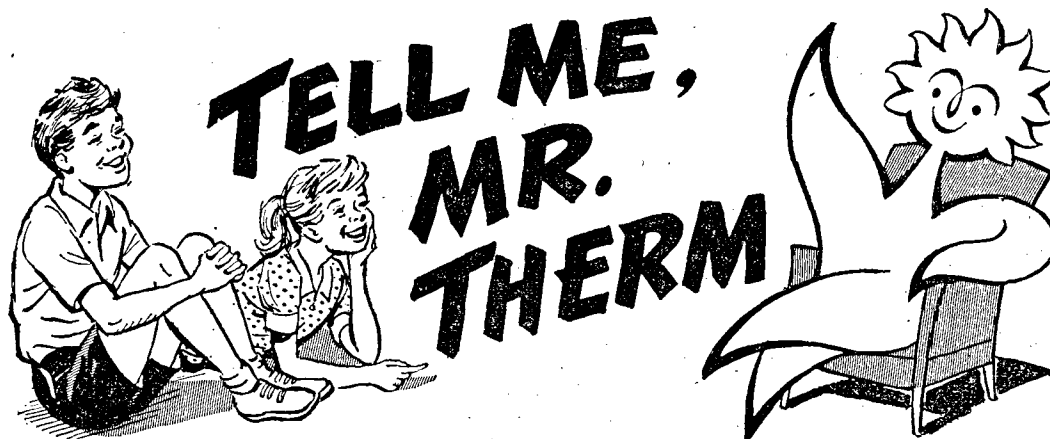
The original Bobby has a statue erected to his memory in Edinburgh, and now his simple and touching story has earned film honours as well. *Greyfriars Bobby* is a film all dog-lovers should see.



Film star Bobby visits the Edinburgh statue of Greyfriars Bobby

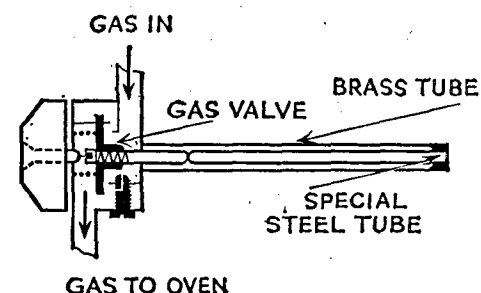
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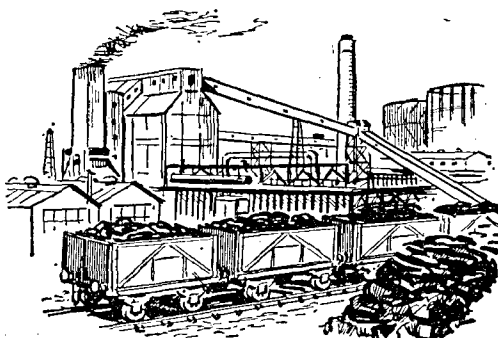


HOW DOES OUR OVEN THERMOSTAT WORK?

THE brass tube is attached to a valve which regulates the amount of gas that flows to the burner of your gas cooker. When the gas is burning the tube becomes hot, and expands. This carries the steel tube, and the head of the valve, nearer to the gas-intake, thus cutting down the flow of gas. As soon as the flow of gas is cut down, the air in the oven cools, and so the brass tube becomes cooler, and contracts slightly. This moves the valve away from its seating, which allows more gas to pass to the burner, until once again the proper temperature is reached.



HOW MUCH GAS COMES FROM A TON OF COAL?



THE volume of gas which can be produced from carbonising a ton of coal is approximately 15,600 cubic feet. However, nobody is really interested in how many cubic feet of gas they get. What is important to them is how much "heating value" they get, and perhaps this will give you a truer picture. Mr. Therm can extract enough gas from a five pound lump of coal to heat the water for a full-sized bath. So when you ask how much gas can be produced from a ton of coal, a very good answer is enough gas for 448 bath-nights!

Issued by the Gas Council.

DON'T MISS THE SUPER COMPETITION?

HOW TO ENTER

Add one letter in each empty space to complete the words in the panels—they are all objects in the picture.

List the six answers neatly on a postcard, add your full name, age and address, ask a parent or guardian to sign it as your own unaided work, then post it to:

Tell Me, Mr. Therm No. 4, Children's Newspaper, 3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

Mr. Therm will award £2 2s. Book Tokens for the three nearest correct entries (with writing according to age taken into consideration) received by Friday, 4th August, and his decision is final.

"TREASURE CHEST" WINNERS
The winners of our Treasure Chest Competition No. 9 were Alison Greenaway of Totteridge, Anne Roberts of Burnley and Martin Read of Sherborne.



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A GAS FRIDGE IS GRAND

NEAT FOOTWORK BY PENGUINS . . .

At the Mappin Terrace pond an important egg recently made its appearance on the London Zoo scene. It is a large white-shelled object weighing about a pound, and at the moment of writing reposes snugly on the upper part of the feet of Sally, the king penguin who laid it. Sally, however, is only temporarily in charge.



Every two or three days she neatly passes the egg over on to the feet of her mate George, who then takes charge while his wife goes off for a swim and a preen.

"This is the first king penguin egg of the season," an official told me. "We may get others later, as we have five of these Antarctic penguins."

"Sally and George will share the incubation of their egg for the necessary 56 days or so. But we are not entirely happy about its prospects. Should we get a prolonged heat-wave there is a chance that the embryo inside the shell may get overheated, and die

before hatching. Alternatively, there is always the chance that in hot weather one or other of the parents may tire of nursing the egg and leave it. In that case we will transfer it to an incubator.

"The appearance of this egg is causing certain friction among the penguin population," added the official. "The other kings in particular are very curious about it and frequently approach too closely to get a look at it. Their inquisitiveness is resented by the parents, who are ever ready to give a spirited peck!"

. . . AND NEAT DIVING, TOO

At the penguin pool proper, two of the menagerie's 23 Cape, or black-footed, penguins have now been selected as "trainees" for the new diving-birds' tank, recently installed in the pool.

"Keepers picked out these two birds because of their fine condition and exceptional speed and agility underwater," said Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds. "We are now keeping them on the balcony at one end of the tank, and at intervals a keeper throws a few sprats into the tank. The



Wide-eyed Baby

A red deer fawn, shy newcomer at Chessington Zoo, is likely to come in for a lot of attention from young visitors.

penguins then take a header into the water and mop them up at surprising speed. All their actions can be seen by visitors watching through the plate glass wall of the tank. Both penguins are already becoming well used to the rôle they are expected to play, and now stand patiently above the tank waiting for the fish to be put in.

"We expect that they will shortly become extremely proficient, and anticipate that the exhibition tank will become very popular with visitors.

"Incidentally, these penguins may be joined later by other diving birds," Mr. Yealland added. "This pair will occasionally have to be 'rested,' and to take their place we hope to introduce a cormorant, and possibly a darter."

SEA-LION CUB CREATES A PROBLEM

For the first time for many years, two Californian sea-lion pups have been born almost simultaneously at the London Zoo. The mothers are Sue and Tiny; Old Bill, the boss of the colony, was the sire of both youngsters.

Sue gave her keepers some very anxious moments. For instead of giving birth to her baby inside the darkened cave beneath the rockery, as did Tiny, she produced her pup on an exposed ledge on top of the rocks. The keepers found Sue mothering her infant there when they arrived one morning for duty.

"This posed a tricky problem for the men, for they had to get mother and baby down into the cave, and quickly, or the hot sun might well have harmed the baby," said an official. "Naturally, Sue was rather 'touchy' when we approached."

"To get her down into the cave, one keeper enticed her with offerings of fish, while a colleague gave gentle pushes from the rear, the new-born infant shuffling awkwardly along at a snail's pace.

"Both pups are now safely tucked away in their 'nursery' and are doing well."

Rings round a planet

DID SATURN ONCE HAVE TEN SATELLITES?

SATURN, the second of the giant planets, is well in evidence during July and August evenings. It is in the southern part of the sky, rather to the west of the much more brilliant Jupiter.

As seen with the naked eye there is nothing remarkable about Saturn; it looks just like a moderately bright, decidedly yellowish star. With a telescope, however, the unique ring system comes into view, and there can be little doubt that Saturn is the most beautiful object in the whole sky. Unfortunately, binoculars will not show the rings properly, and a

During the last century, the French mathematician Edouard Roche showed that if a solid body approaches to within a certain distance of a more massive object, it cannot survive in its original form. It will be split up, provided, of course, that it is of normal density. The limiting distance is known as Roche's Limit. Of course the Limit varies for different bodies, depending on mass.

The significant fact is that the rings lie within the Roche Limit for Saturn, whereas the innermost of the nine moons, Mimas, lies outside. This makes it look as though the "break-up" theory has a great deal to recommend it.

We cannot be certain, of course, and it is not likely that we will ever know the full truth, but there is at least a strong chance that the beautiful ring-system is the result of the wrecking of a former, tenth, satellite of Saturn.

LOOKING AT THE SKY WITH PATRICK MOORE

three-inch refractor is needed for proper observing.

Saturn is not unlike Jupiter, but it is smaller, with an equatorial diameter of 75,100 miles, and it is much farther away, its average distance from the Sun amounting to 886 million miles; its "year" is 29½ times as long as ours. Like Jupiter, it is made up of gas, chiefly hydrogen, and it may well be gaseous all the way through its huge globe. Belts are seen, and occasionally spots break out. The temperature is extremely low.

The rings are made up of numerous small particles whirling round the planet in the manner of dwarf moons. Though they are of great extent, they are very thin; their thickness cannot exceed 50 miles, and is probably no more than ten miles. When placed edge-on to us, they appear as a thin line of light, and vanish completely in small telescopes. During 1961, however, the rings can be seen extremely well.

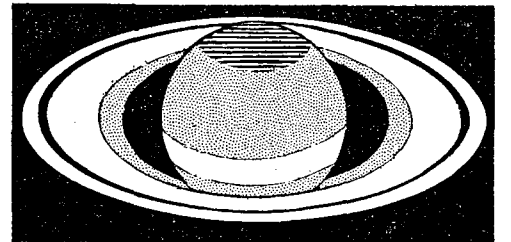
Astronomers would very much like to know how the ring-system came into being. For a start, it now seems that the ring-particles are either made up of ice, or else are coated with some icy material which reflects the Sun's light strongly. The whole ring-system is of very small mass, and in some ways is not so important as it looks.

Break-up of a satellite

It is possible that the rings were produced by what may be called "cosmical debris," but it has also been suggested that they are due to the break-up of a former satellite of Saturn-which wandered too close to the planet and was torn to pieces by the powerful gravitational pull. At present Saturn has nine known satellites. Did it once have ten?

Cassini's Division

Meanwhile, the rings themselves are highly spectacular. To be strictly accurate, there are three rings, two of which (Rings A and B) are bright, and the third (Ring C, or the Crêpe Ring) semi-transparent. The bright rings are separated by a gap known as Cassini's Division in honour of the astronomer who first observed it, nearly 300 years ago. This gap is



due to the gravitational influence of the satellites, particularly Mimas. When a particle goes into the gap, the pull of Mimas brings it out again. There is another division, Encke's, in Ring A, and several more minor divisions have been reported from time to time, though even with the use of large telescopes I have never been able to see them with any certainty.

In 1909 it was reported that a fourth ring, dim and elusive, lay outside the bright ones. Again I have searched for it, but have never been able to see it, and most astronomers now doubt whether it really exists.

Saturn will be visible in the evening sky for some time yet; next year it will be higher in the sky, though the rings will be less well placed. Look at it through a telescope if you have the opportunity. You will not regret it; so far as we know, there is nothing else like it in the universe.

The Zebra that got away

ESCAPES from the Paignton Zoo, in South Devon, rarely occur nowadays, but when they do, it is usually birds who get away. Recently, however, a fully-grown zebra stallion escaped. Fortunately it was rounded up about a mile from the zoo.

"This escape was one of the most unusual we have ever had," a Zoo official told me. "It happened during the night, after a loud explosion which seemed to shake the whole neighbourhood. The bang was apparently caused by an aircraft breaking the sound

barrier. It alarmed many of our animals and there was a good deal of noise among the birds.

"The zebra panicked, crashed through its paddock fence, and galloped down the main road. Its mate also tried to get out, but she was found lying dead with a broken neck. We think she panicked and collided with a tree.

"The zebra stallion was the only one of our animals actually to get out of the grounds, but we also had one or two escapes inside the Zoo boundary."

SLIGHT INTERRUPTION



Whipsnade's lion cub, Frankie, evidently did not want the railings painted. But the painters carried on just the same.

Meet the staff of the Bramshaw Herald

Down in Hampshire, on the edge of the New Forest, there's a village called Bramshaw which runs its own weekly newspaper. And the staff are all pupils at the village Primary School. It's a very lively journal, and the staff are lively, too, as a CN reporter found the other day when he called in to see them in their editorial office—in a corner of the senior classroom.

THE Bramshaw Herald called an editorial conference for my special benefit (writes the CN man). It consisted of the Editor, Lesley Bray, Sales Manager Janet Mills, Advertising Manager Brian Hatch, Treasurer Joy Dibdin, and two ace reporters, Steve Green and Jimmy Winter.

First of all we got the timing right.

"Ads in by Monday, before 3 o'clock," said Brian, getting his word in first.

"News by Wednesday afternoon," said Lesley.

abroad, too—in Singapore—and Australia . . ."

"Last week we got one in Lisbon," the Treasurer piped up. "People in the village send them copies."

Subscription department representatives going their rounds on ponies—the famous New Forest ponies—was just one of the refreshing things about the Bramshaw Herald.

"What happens if readers don't pay up," I asked.

"Then they don't get the paper," replied the Editor, sharply.

"What about advertisements?" was my next question.

Brian Hatch had that rather intense look one has noticed before on the faces of advertising managers. "Well," he said, "some weeks we seem to hardly get any. Others—we're overloaded. Our rates? Sixpence a time. Mr. Robinson down at the shop, he takes one every week. And so does our garage. But we make no charge for Lost and Found."

"Hares, heifers, and hens are free," quoted reporter Steve Green.

Scoop story

"What about your news stories, Steve?" I asked.

He scratched his head in a sort of Hampshire way.

"Sometimes we see things happen. There was a heifer ran away last week—and a lady driver ran into some gate posts."

"Once the Southern Evening Echo had a story about a blackbird's nest with five eggs in it," put in Jimmy Winter. "But we'd come out already with a story about a blackbird with six eggs."



"What's the big story this week?" Editorial conference of the Bramshaw Herald.

"Ah, we scooped the Echo with that one," laughed Janet, "and we wrote and told them so."

"Yes, and then they sent us an invitation to go and see their printing presses," nodded the Editor.

Steve Green went on to tell about the sports reporting. "We do local matches, especially if anything funny turns up. I did a cricket match between two darts teams the other week."

Sports report

He showed me a specimen of the Herald's racy line in sports writing. It concerned a recent cricket match between teams representing the Royal Oak and the Woodman's Arms.

Mr. Silence bowled one and stumped one. Mr. Green caught one, and the Colonel would have saved the day with a catch if he hadn't been lighting his pipe at the time.

I was told that assignments always popular with the Herald staff are the various local monthly meetings of local clubs. There is always plenty of food going on these occasions.

The print order of the paper is at present approaching the 500 a week mark, having risen from about 90 in a little over twelve months. The Treasurer is sternly resolved that the Herald must pay its way, but she is usually able to put some money by for local good causes. For instance, the paper had just contributed the coffee money for an Old Folks' outing.

Keep the place tidy

I was reminded of this concern for good causes on being shown a letter sent by the paper and printed in one of Britain's national dailies. Here is an extract from it:

Soon a lot of your readers will be coming down our way (by the Rufus Stone) . . . Do you think that you could tell your readers to leave the New Forest tidy? It is nice and peaceful and clean now and if visitors would take their rubbish home with them it would always be like that.

The Rufus Stone, of course, is the monument marking the spot



Hot news straight off the machine

in the New Forest where King William II was shot, an event that inspired the crest on the school cap—a crown pierced by an arrow.

I found many good things in the Herald, far too many to quote. But here as a sample is an item headed STRANGER IN THE DARK:

A few nights ago when Mrs. M. Winter of Fritham was in bed she thought she heard a noise made by the cat. She went down and there were two hedgehogs and they were sneezing at each other.

The 50 or so boys and girls of Bramshaw Primary School have certainly achieved something worthwhile in producing their live little local newspaper. And the thought occurs to me, too, that they are also succeeding in putting on paper, week by week, some of the spirit of a happy English village.



"Read all about it!"



Another advert for the Herald

"On sale Friday before tea," put in Janet.

"And what about distribution," I asked. "How do you get the paper to the reader?"

Then they all spoke at once. "Bikes—ponies—our own feet."

"We cover a circle roughly four miles across, round the village," said the Editor, taking charge again for a moment. "And now we have some readers



Reporters find a story in a locally-built trailer

The queerest-looking of all our birds

SCATTERED at intervals round the shores of these islands, except between Yorkshire and the Isle of Wight, the bird-watching holidaymaker will find colonies of puffins. In the latter half of July these queer-looking sea-birds are still feeding young in their nesting burrows. A week or two later they are away to sea, and will be seen no more till the following Spring.

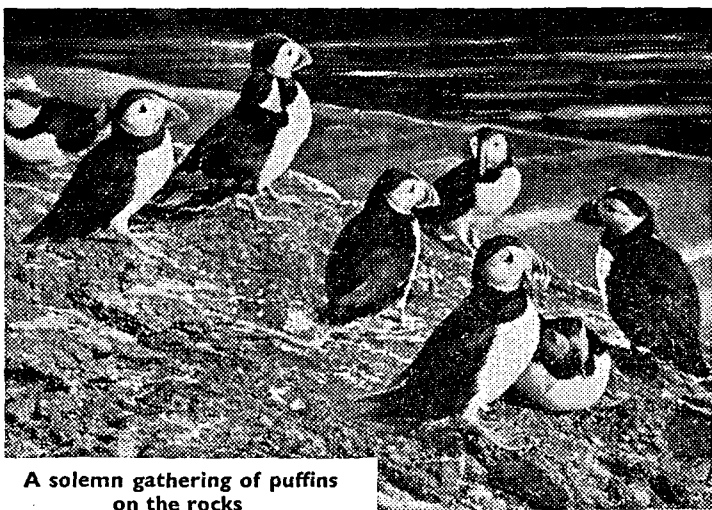
The puffin is the only British bird which looks really grotesque. Though, like many other sea-birds, its plumage is just black and white, in the breeding season its enormous bill, brightly coloured with blue-grey, red and yellow, gives it a solemn, yet clown-like appearance, quite unlike that of any other British bird.

Colour changes

Changes come in the Winter, for it sheds the blue-grey part and a yellow rim at the base of the bill, together with some other blue-grey and yellow patches about its head, while the red part becomes mainly yellow. So a Winter puffin looks different from a Summer one, but still quite unlike any other of our sea-birds.

Anyway, you are not very likely to see a puffin in Winter plumage—except as a waif storm-blown inland, or oiled bird on the shore—because once they have left their breeding burrows the puffins go right out into the open Atlantic to spend the Winter.

It is March before they reappear on the sea near the cliffs where they are going to nest, and the very end of April or early May before the single large white egg is laid in a burrow, usually on the



A solemn gathering of puffins on the rocks

Eric Hosking

bare earth. Puffins will often make use of burrows that have been excavated by rabbits, or Manx shearwaters, another burrow-nesting sea-bird; but if need be they will dig their own.

About six weeks after the eggs are laid, the downy young "pufflings" are born, and they stay underground in the burrow for another seven weeks. For all this time the parents constantly feed them; the air over puffinries is filled with birds flying in with sprats and other small fish in their bills for the young, and flying back to sea again to fetch more. Then, when the young birds have grown nearly as big as their parents, the continuous supply of food ceases, and they have to fend for themselves.

Down to the sea

The parents have deserted their child. After starving for about a week, the chick decides to strike out on its own, emerges from the burrow into the light of day which it has never seen before, and sets out for the sea. It has only to go downhill, and it is sure to get there in the end, but if it should fall over a cliff, it automatically takes flight and reaches the sea

that way. It can swim and dive as soon as it touches the water.

In late July and early August the sea near puffin colonies is filled each morning with shoals of young puffins swimming out to sea quite alone. Whether they ever rejoin their parents, as seems to happen with guillemots and razor-bills, we do not know.

Round our shores

Puffins are found in small numbers on the south coast of England between the Needles at the western end of the Isle of Wight and Portland Bill, near Weymouth. Then there are no more till you get to the Scilly Isles, where they still nest in huge numbers on the uninhabited island of Annet.

A few small colonies are to be found on the north coast of Cornwall, and a large one on Lundy in the Bristol Channel, the island whose very name is derived from the Norse word for puffin. On the east coast of England there are large colonies of puffins on Flamborough Head and the Farne Islands. There are also a good many colonies, large and small, on the coasts of Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

RICHARD FITTER

ON RECORD New discs to note

REGINALD DIXON: *Reg At The Tower* on Columbia 33SX1324. Recorded at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, this entertaining selection of organ music should give everyone in the family something to enjoy. The programme includes *Sabre Dance*, *Canadian Capers*, and *Stardust*. (LP. 34s. 1½d.)

LEONARD PENNARIO: *Favourite Classics For Piano* on Capitol P8312. This is an excellent disc for anyone learning the piano. Pennario has chosen music by Chopin, Debussy, and Liszt to illustrate technique and variation of mood. (LP. 39s. 9d.)

JOE BROWN: *I'm Henry The Eighth I Am* on Piccadilly 7N 35005. Young Joe Brown seems to be making a collection of the songs that were well loved in his grandparents' days. As he is very popular among younger listeners it would appear that the current craze is for old music-hall melodies. (45. 6s. 4d.)

BOB WALLIS: *Three Live Wires* on Pye NJ 2043. Bob and his Storyville Jazz Men copy the traditional jazz band and wear the clothes of the old Western gambler. For this record they have chosen the bright theme from the British television series. (45. 6s. 4d.)

HENRY KRIPS: *Concert Waltzes* on Columbia 33SX1300. The



Philharmonia Promenade Orchestra is conducted by Henry Krips in this selection of enchanting waltzes from the ballet music of Tchaikovsky, Gounod, and Chabrier. (LP. 34s. 1½d.)

FRANK DE VOL: *Theme from David And Goliath* on Philips PB1147. This is an impressive composition written by Frank de Vol for the film. Mr. de Vol has always provided first-class arrangements for such Philips artists as Doris Day and this recording demonstrates his imaginative use of the orchestra. (45. 6s. 4d.)

CHITA RIVERA: *Bye Bye Birdie* on Fontana CFL 1073. This new



musical, which has arrived in London from Broadway, takes a somewhat mocking look at the world of "Pop" but it has some lovely tunes, too. Its wit is also well captured on this recording, including the remark of the father who, speaking of "kids," asks "Why can't they be perfect, like we were?" (LP. 39s. 9d.)

BUZZ CLIFFORD: *Baby Sittin'* on Fontana TFL 5147. Young Clifford was hardly out of an American high school before he found himself a star with this recording of his baby-sitting with a one-year-old beat fan. This disc has a fast-moving beat that will appeal to the young listener who likes rhythm. (LP. 35s. 9½d.)

THE SCOTT BROTHERS: *The Road To Dundee* on Fontana TFE 17343. Jimmy and Tommy Scott are Glasgow born and they have been singing the songs of their native land since they were schoolboys. For this recording they sing three traditional Scottish ballads and the song which became a hit record for Andy Stewart, *A Scottish Soldier*. (EP. 12s. 3d.)

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WHAT LUCK AWAITS THE TRAPPERS IN CALIFORNIA? SEE NEXT WEEK'S INSTALMENT

The Children's Newspaper, 29th July, 1961

Having broken one of a pair of vases belonging to Mr. Wilkins, Jennings sees what he thinks to be a replica offered as third prize in a home-made cake competition at the forthcoming church bazaar. Hoping to win the vase for Mr. Wilkins, Jennings enters for the contest with a cake sent to him by his aunt.

22. The unlucky winner

As Saturday approached, Jennings grew more and more despondent about the risks which his project involved. It was useless applying for permission to leave the school grounds on Thursday or Friday, and with every hour that passed his chances of delivering the cake to the vicarage in time for the judging seemed more remote than ever.

At break on Saturday morning he made his fateful decision. "There's only one thing for it, Darbi. We'll fox down to the village immediately after lunch and take the cake with us," he informed his not-too-willing confederate.

"What—without per?"



Aunt Angela's fruit cake had won third prize

"Of course. We needn't stop long. All the chaps will be watching the match so we'll probably be back again before anyone finds out we're missing."

Darbshire was appalled at the boldness of the plan and was quick to seize upon an obvious flaw. "But supposing we win the beastly thing! We'll have to stop on till the prizes are doled out and that may not be for hours!"

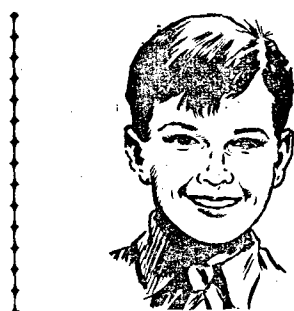
Jennings pulled a long face. "It'll be time to start worrying about that when we know whether we've won it or not. You needn't come if you don't want to. I dare say I'll be able to manage by myself."

Dangerous undertaking

Darbshire glanced at his friend in reproach. Reluctant though he was to take part in what looked like being a dangerous undertaking, he couldn't let poor old Jen bear the brunt of the project alone.

"No, we're in this together," he said with a slight gulp. "If you ask me I reckon it's a crazy crackpot scheme, but if you're pig-headed enough to go on with it I'll come with you."

"Good old Darbi!" Jennings grinned. "I knew you'd say that."



JUST LIKE JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

The first part of their plan worked smoothly enough. After lunch Jennings hurried down to his tuck box and took out Aunt Angela's cake in its circular tin. Then he slipped through the side door where Darbshire was waiting for him and with a wary glance to left and right they darted into the cover of the shrubbery which lined the drive all the way down to the school gates.

"For goodness sake don't jog the tin about," Darbshire cautioned, as they emerged on to the Linbury road and headed towards the village. "If you jolt the nuts and things loose, we shan't stand an earthly."

"Sorry, I forgot," Darbshire snatched off the offending headgear and crammed it into his pocket.

"So I should think! Supposing it got round to the Head that we'd been here without per!"

"All right; you needn't go on about it," Darbshire said hurriedly. "Let's go and find Miss What's-her-name and get this cake business buttoned up."

They made their way past the stalls to a large marquee which was obviously the centre-piece of the bazaar. The garden was filling rapidly and more people were pouring in through the gate every minute.

Bird-like Miss Thorpe

At the entrance to the marquee they met Miss Thorpe wearing a feathered hat which made her look more like a bird than ever.

"Good afternoon, boys. So glad you could come," she chirruped. "Is that the cake? Splendid! The judging's about to start so if you'll come back in half an hour you'll know whether you've had any luck."

Jennings thrust the tin into her hands. "We shan't have to wait long for the prizes to be doled out, shall we?" he inquired anxiously.

Miss Thorpe looked dubious. "The prize-giving ceremony won't be until later on when our distinguished guest arrives; but I expect Mr. Pemberton-Oakes has already told you all about that."

The boys gaped at her in horrified suspicion.

"Who did you say?" Jennings blurted out.

"I was saying that Mr. Pemberton-Oakes has agreed to present the prizes. We on the committee are so grateful to him for giving up his valuable time . . ."

Numbed by the news

The boys weren't listening. They stood staring at her in dismay, their minds numbed by this latest set-back to their plans.

Miss Thorpe looked at them in concern. "Is anything the matter?"

"Oh no," Jennings faltered. He signalled to Darbshire to move away out of earshot and mumbled: "Well, thank you, anyway, Miss Thorpe. We'll come back at half-past two to see if we've won anything."

In a daze they wandered away and hid themselves behind the hoop-la stall to discuss the latest developments.

"This puts the tin lid on everything," Jennings murmured weakly. "Why the Head of all people?"

For some moments they racked their brains for a way out of their dilemma. Then Darbshire said:

"I reckon we ought to belt off home while we've got the chance. It won't be safe around these parts when once he arrives."

"And supposing we run into him on the way back?" Jennings countered. "Besides, Miss Thorpe knows who we are, so if we win a prize and don't turn up for it she may tell him."

"Oh goodness, let's hope we haven't won the beastly thing," moaned Darbshire.

Jennings slipped his fingers in frustration. "This is absolutely crazy!" he protested. "We wanted to win it. That was the whole point of going in for the competition."

"Ah yes, but that was before we knew who was going to dole out the prizes. Even if we *did* win now, we couldn't go and collect it."

Whichever way they looked at it they could find no answer to their problem. Finally Jennings could stand the uncertainty no longer. "Come on, it's nearly half-past. Let's go and see if anything's happened yet," he said.

They hurried back to the

marquee where they found that the judging had been completed and that the entries were now on view to the public.

There were so many different classes of local produce on show that the boys had some difficulty in finding the cookery section. Their progress was slow for the tent was crowded with sightseers admiring the tables stacked with home-grown rhubarb, home-made jam and home-cured bacon. Many of the exhibits bore the red, blue or green certificates of the prize-winning entries, while still more displayed the yellow card of the *Highly Commended*.

"There it is! Home-made cakes," Jennings cried suddenly, pointing to a notice at the far end of the marquee.

Shocked by success

Breathless with apprehension they battled their way through the gaily chattering throng to the trestle table in the corner upon which their hopes and fears were centred.

Pride of place had been awarded to a cake with cherries on the top which stood in the middle of the display bearing the champion's red label. On one side of it a sponge cake wore the blue label of the runner-up, while on the other side—Jennings caught his breath—was Aunt Angela's fruit cake, its green label proclaiming it to be the winner of the third prize.

Darbshire let out a wail of frustration. "Oh no!" he cried. "It's not fair. Really, it isn't!"

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"It just shows how everything's against us," Jennings agreed bitterly. "Thanks to our brilliant scheme here's the vase Old Wilkie wants, actually within reach, as you might say. Ours for the asking!" He snorted in disgust. "Only now we can't ask for it!"

"What are we going to do, then?" Darbishire demanded in gloomy tones.

"What can we do! Admit the whole scheme is a washout and fox off home empty-handed before the Head shows up." Low in spirit he turned and led the way back slowly through the jostling crowd.

As they stumbled out of the marquee into the bright sunshine, Jennings caught sight of Miss Thorpe over by the garden gate, chatting to the driver of a large grey saloon car.

The boy stopped dead in his tracks... There was no possibility of mistaking whose car that was!

"It's the Archbeako!" he gasped, seizing Darbishire by the arm and propelling him in frantic haste towards the hoop-la stall. "Round the back, quick! We'll have to stay under cover till the coast's clear!"

To be continued

WORLD OF STAMPS**Fresh flowers for your album**

WILD flowers in their natural colours are pictured on a beautiful series of nine stamps issued recently in Yugoslavia, and each flower has some medicinal or commercial value.

The rose-mallow on the 40-dinar stamp, for instance, provides a juice which is used for curing coughs and sore throats. The 20-dinar stamp shows hyssop, a herb which yields a fragrant oil often used in the manufacture of perfumes. On the 50-dinar stamp, pictured here, is the soapwort



which gets its name from the soapy foam it produces in water. The Greeks and Romans, indeed, used it for washing.

Six other attractive flower stamps have been issued in Czechoslovakia. Primulas, gentian and, on the 30-heller value, cyclamen are among the flowers depicted.

The Yugoslav series was printed by photogravure process but most Czech stamps are engraved, and it is interesting to compare the two types of printing, especially through a magnifying glass.

ADVENTURE IN FAITH

Missionaries on leave from Africa and Asia will be among 350 delegates attending the Holiday Conference of the Church Missionary Society at Harrogate from 29th July to 5th August.

The emphasis of the conference will be on recruiting more missionaries to carry the torch lighted on an April day in 1799, when 25 men met for tea in a London inn and talked of the plight of those who had never heard of Jesus. Thus was born the Church Missionary Society.

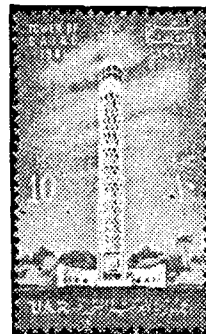
The first missionaries went out to West Africa, and it took them seven months to reach there by sailing ship from Liverpool. Those who follow in their wake still embark on a great adventure of faith.

"We need men and women with the qualities of humility and self-effacement, patience, and perseverance," says Dr. Max Warren, general secretary of the C.M.S. "They must be able to endure being needed and at the same time resented. That is part of what it means to be a saint and a missionary today."



The photogravure stamps have bright colours, but the outlines of the picture are slightly blurred, just as they sometimes are in a photograph. Engraved stamps have clearer pictures, for each line is cut by the engraver on to a soft steel die. The resulting stamps look as if they had been drawn in Indian ink and lightly tinted with water-colour paints.

If you are interested to know more about these and other processes by which stamps are printed, you will find them clearly explained in *Good Stamp Collecting*, by Kenneth F. Chapman (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 10s. 6d.)



FROM Egypt comes a new stamp to celebrate the opening of the Tower of Cairo. Built in the centre of the city, overlooking the

River Nile, this 620-foot tower is the tallest building in Africa and the Middle East. In less than 30 seconds an electric lift takes visitors to the top to enjoy the view across Cairo to the Pyramids at Gizeh.

The walls of the tower are decorated with twelve million pieces of mosaic—tiny coloured fragments of marble—and the entrance shows the bronze eagle, emblem of the United Arab Republic.



A NEW chapel was opened earlier this month at Ratcliffe College, Leicester. To mark the occasion, the College Philatelic Society prepared souvenir envelopes with a view of the chapel. A special postmark featuring the College coat-of-arms was used on all mail posted during the celebrations.

Another school with an active stamp club is Oakmead School for Boys, Bear Cross, near Bournemouth. Terence Richards and Philip Bamborough, of Form 3a, recently sent me copies of their interesting club magazine. It contains quizzes, crossword puzzles, and news of club activities.

C. W. HILL

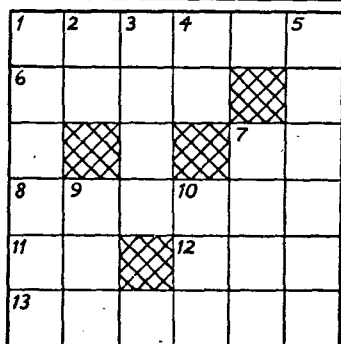
**WISE YOUNG OWLS**

These two baby owls were found in a Sussex wood and taken to a R.S.P.C.A. inspector at Horsham. They are sharing a book with his daughter Katrina, and seem just as interested as she is.

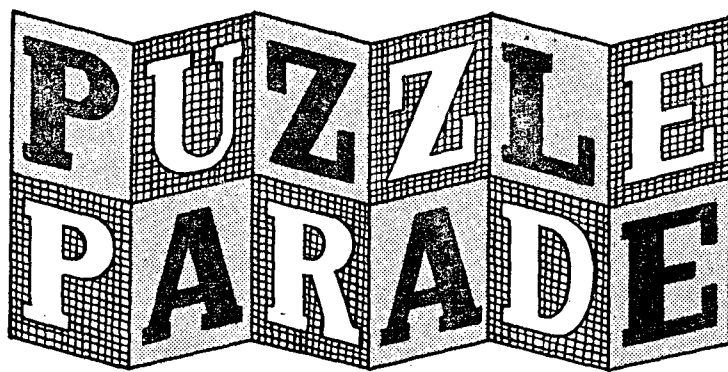
ON THE SLANT

The dots indicate the way in which to arrange the answer to each clue, a three-letter word. For example: the answer to the first clue across is CAT; that to the first clue down is JAM. Now see whether you can complete the puzzle from the given clues.

ACROSS	DOWN
Domestic pet	Preserve
Crowd	Hill
Primary colour	Wager
Endeavour	Not wet
Affirmative	Until now
Beverage	Ocean
Request	Serpent



Answer next week



Find the rivers

The name of a British river is suggested in each of the clues below. To help you, the county in which each river rises is given with each clue. Now see how quickly you can trace the three rivers.

Often seen with a bow (Radnorshire).
Long-legged bird (Middlesex).
Used in a game (Devonshire).

CROSS-MOT PUZZLE

How good is your French? In this Anglo-French puzzle the words across are French and the words down are English. Clues are in English for French words, and in French for English words. Even if you do not know all the French words, you should still find them; in fact, this is quite a good way of learning them.

READING ACROSS. 1 Paper. 6 State. 7 One. 8 Main town of the French Department of the Lot. 11 He. 12 Age. 13 Lips.

READING DOWN. 1 Crayon. 2 A. 3 Chemin. 4 Il ou elle. 5 (Il) rince. 7 Pousser. 9 Bière. 10 Rame.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday this week you share it with one of the following famous people:

- 23rd July Michael Wilding, actor
24th July Simon Bolivar, the Liberator
25th July Bill Bowes, cricketer
26th July Aldous Huxley, writer
27th July Sir Geoffrey de Havilland
28th July Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Chancellor of the Exchequer
29th July Joseph Grimond, Liberal Party leader

WHERE?

O, WHERE is my swim-suit?
I'm off to the sea,
My little blue swim-suit,
O, where can it be?

And my new little yacht
With its lovely white sail,
And where is my spade, please,
And bright red new pail?

Where's my yellow duck-lifebelt
My green floating ball?
Hurrah! I've remembered
The chest in the hall!

Word changing

CAN you change the word TART into PINE in only four stages, altering one letter at a time?

For some time the Hermit Crab had been examining empty shells with an eye to moving house. Now he was feeling so tight round the tail that he knew he must have a new home shell quickly.

He was determined it should be the finest along the rocky shore, for he was fully grown now, and would not need to change again to a larger home.

At last he found just what he wanted, a superb empty whelk shell, beautifully turreted, and polished inside.

He prodded it into position, then, whisking his soft hind quarters out of his old home, he tucked them comfortably into the whelk shell, and folded in his legs and claws, using the larger front one as a door.

"I shall be the envy of them all," he said, and went happily to sleep.

ALL CHANGE!

In this word puzzle, the two incomplete words in each sentence are anagrams; that is, they consist of the same letters rearranged. The dots stand for the missing letters. Example: danger, ranged.

Answers are given below.

1. He was in solemn m . . . as though preparing to meet his d . . .
2. The quickest r to o space is that followed by a rocket.
3. The E is believed to consist of molten rock at its h
4. Unrest is r among the tribesmen and they have set f to many buildings.
5. It is necessary to g more information from every a
6. He m around the house before he writes his p

ADD A TOUCH OF COLOUR



THIS will provide a beautiful picture when coloured with paints or crayons. First, cut out the picture, paste on thin card, and allow to dry before colouring.

CN Competition Corner

WIN A PORTABLE RADIO!

How observant are you? This week's competition gives boys and girls with a keen eye the opportunity to win a really magnificent prize—A DECCA "DEBONETTE" TRANSISTOR PORTABLE RADIO, value 15½ Guineas—and ten runners-up will receive exchange-point fountain-pens. Entry is FREE and open to all CN readers under 17 living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands.

What to do: Have you ever noticed the marks of a dog's paws in the sand at the seaside, or those made by a bird in the mud by a country pond? These spoors or tracks can be of great interest to those who watch out for them. In the little pictures below, we show nine spoors that might be found in and around a farm. All you have to do is state to which animal or bird each belongs. No. 1 is a horse; what are the others?

To help you, here is a list which includes all the answers: Horse, Badger, Sparrow, Fox, Cow, Bat, Dog, Deer, Frog, Pig, Cat, Mouse, Rabbit, Squirrel, Duck, Mole.

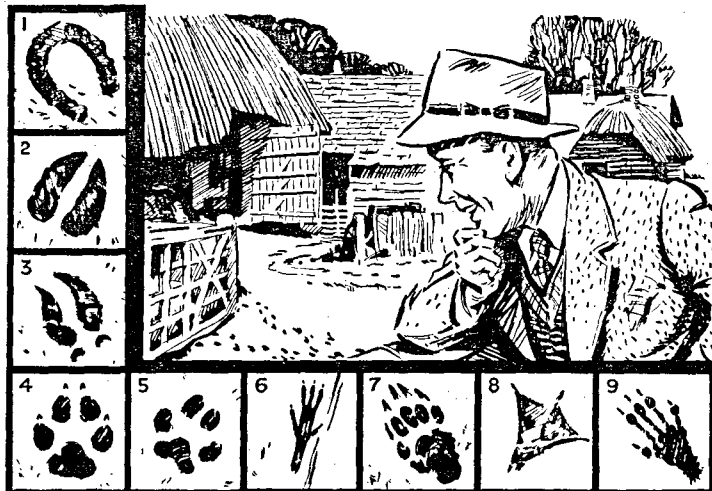
When you have solved the puzzle, make a neat, numbered list of the nine answers on a postcard. Add your full name, age, and address, then ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as your own, unaided work. Post your card (2½d. stamp) to:

CN Competition No. 2.

3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.)

to arrive not later than Tuesday, 8th August, 1961, the closing date.

The Portable Radio will be awarded for the best correct entry, with neatness according to age taken into consideration. Fountain-pens for the ten next best. The Editor's decision is final.



HOUSE-PROUD CRAB

But when he awoke next morning there was a heavy weight on his roof. He found that a Sea Anemone had taken lodging there.

"Get off!" he ordered.

"Do let me stay," begged the Anemone. "I long to travel, as I shall, on your back."

"What! Me with a tiresome lodger!" cried the proud Crab in horrified tones.

"Not a lodger, a friend," replied the Anemone. "One who will disguise you from your enemies, and keep harm away with sting rays."

The proud Crab was not convinced. He felt capable of dealing with enemies himself.

"Any food scraps you discard I will eat to keep all tidy," pleaded the Anemone. "And your roof will look much more beautiful with me up there."

It was the thought of how lovely the flower-like Sea Anemonies

were that quite won the Hermit Crab's heart, and he agreed. Now they have proved such a help to one another that he would not lose his friend for anything.

JANE THORNICROFT

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

VANDALISM
ONIONS
AZTECS
CAVES CID
EVEN ROSE
SON PORTS
CURIOUS E
SEEMED R
OT ASSIST

Find the rivers. Arrow; Crane; Dart. Word Changing. Here is one way of doing it: Tart, part, pant, pint, pine.

ALL CHANGE!

1 mood, doom. 2 route, outer. 3 Earth, heart. 4 rifle, fire. 5 glean, angle. 6 mopes, poems.

On the slant

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ENGLAND MUST NOT LOSE THE TEST AT MANCHESTER

If the Ashes are to be regained

ALL square and two to play. That is the position as Australia and England prepare for the Fourth Test Match which begins at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Thursday.

The first match ended in a draw, thanks largely to a magnificent second innings stand by Raman Subba Row and Ted Dexter. Australia convincingly won the second Test at Lord's. And England needed only three days to win on the crumbling wicket at Headingley.

Australia already holds the Ashes, and a drawn series this Summer will mean that they keep them. So the England players must not lose this week's game if the Ashes are to be regained.

Laker's match

The last game at Old Trafford between the two countries, in 1956, will always be remembered as Laker's Match. The Surrey off-spinner performed the greatest bowling feat of all time when he took 19 wickets for 90 runs (all 10 for 53 in the second innings), and enabled England to

win by an innings and 170 runs.

It was in that match, incidentally, that Neil Harvey and Ken Mackay, both members of the present Australian Test team, "bagged a pair," being dismissed for nought in both innings.

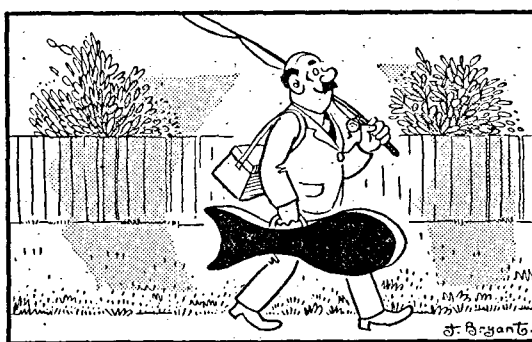
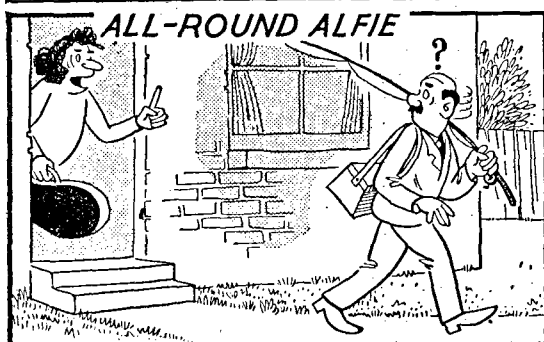
Non-stop rain

Seventeen Tests have been played at Old Trafford since the first one there in 1884. Of these England have won four, Australia two, and 11 have been drawn, including the 1890 and 1938 matches in which continuous rain prevented a ball being bowled. In fact, England's victory in 1956 was the first Test to reach a definite result at Manchester since 1905, which England also won. Australia's last victory at Old Trafford was in 1902—by a mere three runs. England needed only 124 to win, but were all out for 120 on a rain-affected pitch.

Prince at the wheel



Prince Hassan of Jordan, who is at school in this country, is a keen go-kart driver. He is seen here during a recent race at Biggin Hill Aerodrome in Kent.



H.M.S. WARRIOR 1860

IRONCLADS
—THE FIRST ARMOUR-PLATED WARSHIPS— WERE BUILT AT THAMES IRONWORKS, WHICH STOOD WHERE THE THAMES IS JOINED BY THE RIVER LEA ...
IN 1895 MEN EMPLOYED AT THE IRONWORKS FORMED A FOOTBALL TEAM AND FROM THIS GREW THE PRESENT WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB — STILL ENCOURAGED BY CRIES OF "UP THE IRON" FROM THEIR FOLLOWERS

SCRAPBOOK

J.W.H.T. DOUGLAS
—VICTORIOUS CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND V. AUSTRALIA IN SEASON 1911-12— WAS ALSO AN AMATEUR BOXER OF RENOWN...
IN 1908 HE WON THE OLYMPIC GAMES GOLD MEDAL AS A MIDDLEWEIGHT.
A STUBBORN BATSMAN, AUSTRALIAN SPECTATORS TRANSLATED HIS INITIALS TO MEAN 'JOHNNIE WON'T HIT TODAY' (AFTER HE HAD SPENT THREE HOURS, NINE MINUTES IN SCORING 55 AGAINST VICTORIA)

WBIOBMBBYWLEILSDOONN

STRIKE OUT THE LETTERS MAKING THE NAME OF A WELL KNOWN SPORTSMAN AND LEAVE YOURSELF WITH THE PLACE WHERE HE USUALLY DOES WELL. (Answer below)

A captain's part

THE club cricketer who leads his County side to the top of the Championship table. It sounds like a story in a boys' magazine, but that is the achievement this Summer of Ian Bedford, captain of Middlesex.

Having first played for Middlesex when he was 17 and still a pupil at grammar school, Ian dropped out after three years to play for Finchley. But this season he was asked to return to the side as skipper.

He has succeeded beyond all expectation, leading Middlesex to the top of the table and taking valuable wickets as well as scoring many runs. But none of his innings was more valuable than in the recent game against Gloucester.

Middlesex were 150 for eight when Ian went to the wicket, and 91 runs were needed in 48 minutes. Another wicket fell shortly and it looked all over. But Ian opened his shoulders, hit seven sixes and six boundaries—and Middlesex had won with eight minutes to spare!

MARATHON BROTHERS

THE A.A.A. Marathon Championship is being run on Saturday at Enfield, in conjunction with the National Youth Championships.

The members of the Derby and County A.C. are confident that they can win this important race for the first time, for Peter Wilkinson, first man home in the recent Polytechnic Marathon, is in great form.

If he fails, however, there are always the Keily brothers, that amazing family of distance runners. Elder brother Arthur has already achieved honours in this strenuous event and was a member of Britain's 1960 Olympics team. Joe and Mike are steadily improving—in time for next year's European and Empire Games.

PUNTING EXPERT

Drucilla Chuter of Laleham, Middlesex, has won many river trophies. She is competing in the European Sculling Championships at Prague next month and in the British Punting Championships in September.

SCRAPBOOK :

Bobby Wilson—Wimbledon

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